PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

February 4, 2009

Applicants: Junzo SUNAMOTO et al

For: COSMETIC PRODUCT CONTAINING

POLYSACCHARIDE-STEROL DERIVATIVE

Serial No.: 09/936 953 Group: 1617

Confirmation No.: 4435

Filed: September 17, 2001 Examiner: Chong

International Application No.: PCT/JP00/02044

International Filing Date: March 30, 2000

Atty. Docket No.: Yanagihara 62

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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

Sir:

1. This application became abandoned on December 14, 2006.

(Please see the following pages.)

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- 2. This application became abandoned because the failure to prosecute was an unintentional delay. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date until the filing of this petition was unintentional 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(3).
- 3. A Response or action required has been filed. In connection with the required reply which is required by this petition, please note that the response is by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114.
- 4. Application status is other than small entity fee \$1,620.00.
- 5. Payment of fee. Attached is a check to cover the \$1,620.00 fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.
 - 6. Showing:

Because this petition is more than one year after the date of abandonment of the application, Applicants additionally submit further information as to when Applicants (or Applicants' representative) first became aware of the abandonment of the application, and a showing as to how the delay in discovering the abandoned status of the application occurred despite the exercise of due care or diligence on the part of the Applicants (or Applicants' representative). 62 Fed. Reg. 53,131, 53,159 (Oct. 10, 1997).

On October 13, 2006, a Decision was rendered by the Board of Appeals confirming the Examiner's rejection of all of the pending claims as being unpatentable. On November 1, 2006, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed from the Patent Office indicating that the application had gone abandoned because the period for seeking court review of the Decision had expired and there were no allowed claims. Applicants' representative was not aware of the Notice of Abandonment because it was not inserted into the application file due to Applicants' representative having the file in his office awaiting instructions from the client. On December 13, 2006, a Request

for Continued Examination was filed with a Petition Under 37 CFR 1.103(c) to suspend prosecution for three months. was no notice from the Patent Office that anything was improper. On December 18, 2006, our office was charged \$70.00 for a petition fee for this application. On February 1, 2007, our office filed a Request for Refund of the charged petition fee. On March 23, 2007, a Supplemental Response containing a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration was filed with the Patent Office. March 6, 2008, a Status Request was mailed to the Patent Office. On September 12, 2008, the Examiner handling the present application was called regarding the application's status and Applicants' representative was informed that the application was erroneously abandoned early and that a Petition to Withdraw the Abandonment should be filed since the Applicants responded to the Decision of the Board within the two month period. On September 23, 2008, a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment was filed. December 15, 2008, the Patent Office mailed the Decision dismissing the petition for not being timely. On January 7, 2009, a Reconsideration of Holding of Abandonment was mailed to the Patent Office.

Since Applicants' representative had timely filed the RCE in response to the Board's Decision, he was not made aware of the erroneous Notice of Abandonment until the interview conducted on September 12, 2008. The Patent Office had continued activity on the file after December 14, 2006 as evidenced by the erroneous deduction from the Deposit Account on December 18, 2006 and the letter from the Patent Office dated February 21, 2007 acknowledging receipt of our Refund Request. There also was no Notice from the Patent Office that the RCE dated December 13, 2006 and Supplemental Response filed March 23, 2007 was filed after the abandonment of the application.

Since Applicants are timely filing this Petition for Revival after discovery of the abandonment of the present application, favorable consideration and revival of the present application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JUNZO SUNAMOTO, KUNIO SHIMADA, AKIO HAYASHI RYUZO HOSOTANI, YOSHIHIRO YANO and KAZUNARI AKIYOSHI

> Appeal No. 2006-2554 Application No. 09/936,953

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Before SCHEINER, MILLS and LINCK, Administrative Patent Judges. LINCK, Administrative Patent Judge.

DECISION ON APPEAL

This is a decision on appeal under 35 U.S.C. § 134 from the final rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-12, all of the pending claims in Application No. 09/936,953, filed Sept. 17, 2001 (hereafter the "'953 application").

Claim 1 is the only independent claim. It reads:

1. A cosmetic product comprising 99.999-50 wt. % of cosmetic components, a solvent containing at least one of a volatile oil and a volatile organic solvent and 0.001-50 wt. % of a pullulan-cholesterol derivative formed by substituting the hydroxyl groups of mono-saccharide units constituting the pullulan of the pullulan-cholesterol derivative, in

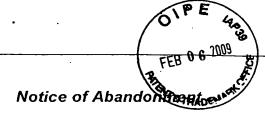


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Examiner	Art Unit			
Yong S. Chong	1617			

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--This application is abandoned in view of: I. Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on (a) A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____. (b) A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee), or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114). (c) A reply was received on but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the nonfinal rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below). (d) No reply has been received. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85). (a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85). (b) The submitted fee of \$____ is insufficient. A balance of \$ is due. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$___. (c) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received. Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37). (a) Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply. (b) No corrected drawings have been received. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants. . The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application. . oxtimes The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on 13 October 2006 and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims. '. The reason(s) below:

etitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to ninimize any negative effects on patent term. Patent and Trademark Office

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the December 2006 Deposit Account Statement showing charges of \$70.00 for a petition fee in the above matter. This charge is believed to be in error. The 37 CFR \$1.103(c) fee for requesting limited suspension of action in a request for continued examination falls under \$1.17(i) processing fee of \$130.00. An RCE was filed on December 13, 2006, wherein the filing fee of \$790.00 and the suspension of action fee of \$130.00 was submitted.

Please credit to Deposit Account No. 061382 the amount of \$70.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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Your request has been forwarded to the Technical Center Others for review and processing.

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STATUS REQUEST

Sir:

Please advise the undersigned attorney of record of the status concerning the above-referenced application. A Supplemental Response was filed with the Patent Office on March 23, 2007 and to date, no further action from the Patent Office has been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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(2) <u>Mr. Terry Chapman</u> .	(4)					
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Attorney called Examiner to determine what the status of the case was. Apparently, Attorney had filed a RCE within 2 months of the Board Decision to affirm the Examiner. However, an Abandonment was filed prior to that, which prevented the RCE from being entered into record. Unfortunately since the case is already abandoned it is up to Applicant to revive the case since the Examiner cannot do anything at this point. It was suggested that the Applicant file a petition to withdraw the abandonment since Applicant has responded to the Board Decision within 2 months as verified by the record.

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